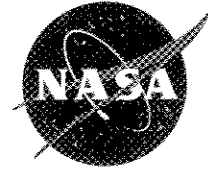


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FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA Employees at the National Aerospace Day Reception on September 16, 2009

On September 16, 2009, the Aerospace Industries Association (AIA), and co-sponsors, The Boeing Company, Cobham, Chromalloy, General Electric Aviation, ITT Corporation, Lockheed Martin, Raytheon Company, and Northrop Grumman, will host a reception at the Senate Visitor Center from 5:30p.m.-8:00p.m. The guest speaker will be NASA Administrator Charles F. Bolden, Jr.

Approximately 80 individuals have been invited to attend the reception. Attendees will include NASA and other government personnel, and also aerospace leaders from the military, industry, academia, and other non-profit organizations. The estimated cost of the reception, which includes all food and beverages is \$38.00 per person. The reception will be attended by representatives of the aerospace industry, trade associations, the media, Congressional staffers, Congress, academia, and other Federal agencies.

I further determine that there is an Agency interest in having NASA personnel attend the event because it will further Agency programs or operations. Attendance at the event will allow NASA employees to discuss NASA's space program with other people who are interested in aerospace issues and space development. However, NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect the event sponsors or a majority of its members such as by way of procurement duties, should seek an individual determination pursuant to 5 CFR § 2635.204(g)(3)(i) regarding participation in this event from their local ethics counselor.

Moreover, NASA employees who are in non-career positions in which the President's Executive Order of January 21, 2009, requires signing an ethics pledge may only attend if they reimburse the sponsors the cost of the refreshments they consume at the reception.

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Adam F. Greenstone